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California State Parks Seeks Public Comment On California Youth Soccer Recreation and Development Program

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Park's Office of Grants and Local Services is preparing guidelines to award up to \$16 million in competitive grants through the California Youth Soccer Recreation and Development Program. Grants will fund new youth soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball recreation opportunities in heavily populated, low-income urban areas with a high youth crime and unemployment rate.

The program's draft application guide will be available for public comment from Nov. 2, 2015 through Dec. 18, 2015 at www.parks.ca.gov/grants. Six public hearings will be held throughout California during the public comment period. Potential applicants and interested parties are encouraged to attend a public meeting where comments will be taken on the draft application guide.

Below is a list of the public meetings:

Fresno Wednesday, November 4 9:00am – 12:00pm	Dickey Youth Center Alfonso Hernandez Jr. Building 1515 E. Divisadero Street, Fresno
Hayward Thursday, November 5 9:00am – 12:00pm	San Felipe Community Center San Felipe Room 2058 D Street, Hayward
Sacramento Tuesday, November 17 9:00am – 12:00pm	South Natomas Community Center 2921 Truxel Road, Sacramento
Los Angeles Tuesday, December 15	Arcadia Community Regional Park 405 S. Santa Anita, Arcadia



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Riverside Wednesday, December 16 1:00pm – 4:00pm	Renck Community Center Hunt Park 4015 Jackson Street, Riverside
San Diego Thursday, December 17 9:00am – 12:00pm	Balboa Park Club Santa Fe Room 2144 Pan American Rd W, San Diego

The final application guide will contain application and grant guidelines that eligible applicants will use to apply for the program. The guide is expected to be released in spring 2016. Applications will be due in fall 2016. Local agencies, recreation districts, school districts and community-based organizations are eligible to apply.

The purpose of the public meetings is to accept public comment on the draft grant guidelines for the implementation of the California Youth Soccer Recreation and Development Program as set forth in §5004.5 of the Public Resources Code and the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 as set forth in §5096.600 through §5096.683 of the Public Resources Code.

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